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## Glen Park Festival 2001

by Marie Simard

It was a beautiful day with clear blue skies, lots of sunshine and a nice breeze to keep everything comfortable. The Fifth Annual Glen Park Festival got underway with some mellow tunes from Rudy Salvini and the Tuxedo Junction. A very talented youth group then entertained the crowd with some hip-hop moves, getting everyone's attention and preparing them for Brenda Boykin and Home Cookin's finger-snapping, foot-tapping music.

With great tunes filling the air, people were wandering among the vendor booths on Diamond and Wilder streets, where all types of wares were displayed, from clothing to jewelry to paintings to plants. Kids got to climb up, down, over and around a real-life fire engine and have their picture taken next to it. Many little ones proudly displayed their newly painted faces in multitudes of designs and colors. Various staff from the SFPD dropped by to say hello.

The 'empty lot' was transformed into a food and beverage pavilion, offering beer and wine and food from Glen Park vendors, including La Corneta, Chenery Park and Destination Baking Company. It became the picnic grounds for the day. Throughout the afternoon raffle prizes were given away, all courtesy of merchants both local and citywide; the prizes included numerous passes, tickets, and gift baskets. As the day wound down, the crowd slowly drifted home accompanied by the music from Brother Buzz.

This year's Festival was the first as its own entity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for at-risk San Francisco youth to attend Glen Park's Silver Tree day camp in Glen Canyon. Following months of planning, meeting and creating the organization, it came to life on Sunday, April 29, 2001. Our goal of sponsoring kids for the day camp was accomplished as we managed to turn a profit on our first endeavor.

We are very grateful to our sponsors, the Glen Park Association, California Federal Bank and Don Jose Barrelier; to our hardworking committee members Michele Bulen, Dan Gustavson,

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## 550 Guests Dine In Glen Canyon

by Denis Wade

Hikers in Glen Canyon in June were astonished to find hundreds of goats placidly munching weeds and brush on the hillsides. The herd of 550 was hired by the Recreation and Park Department to gobble weeds, grass and brush along the canyon's eastern and northern perimeters, to diminish the threat of fire to the homes above. After a week in the park—longer than planned—552 goats departed.

The two new kids born in the canyon weren't the only unexpected results of Rec and Park's fire-abatement plan. The goats were marooned in the park when the transmission on their truck froze, extending their planned week's sojourn

caprine visitors had to do what goats do best—they kept eating. And although their range was controlled by plastic-mesh fencing moved from place to place, they managed to dine on some of the native plants that Friends of Glen Canyon Park have been encouraging in recent years. At least one of those environmentalist-oriented volunteers was hummed out by the damage to native vegetation and the fear that erosion may be a problem, but Rebecca Porteous of Rec and Park's new Natural Areas staff expects no serious long-term harm.

Porteous pointed out that while we lost a few native plants, most have long since adapted to survive both fire and grazing, having survived the deer and elk who lived here before the canyon's surroundings became urbanized, not to mention livestock when a dairy operated in the canyon. Winter rain should revive the native nubhins, she hopes. On balance, Porteous said, the goats cleared out all the invasive radish and fennel on



Photo by D. Wade

to nearly a week and a half. "[In this urban area,] it wasn't easy to find a replacement truck to carry that many goats," observed Terri Oyarzun, who with her husband Egon operates Goats R Us in Orinda.

While they waited for their ride, the

"Radish Hill" above the rock outcroppings at the top of the canyon, and during their final, unplanned two days they ate a lot of the unwanted cape ivy and blackberry vines along the creek.

Did our caprine visitors accomplish their mission? Marianne Bertuccelli,

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## Notes from your President

by Zoanne Nordstrom

### We Need Volunteers

There are a lot of people living in our neighborhood, and we need some of you to help us out with neighborhood issues. Currently, the Glen Park Association has 250 members who participate in ongoing issues, such as what happens at the Diamond Super site, the quest for a new library location, maintaining the environment of Glen Canyon Park, parking and BART issues, buses, etc.

The Glen Park Association has eight committees: Health and Environment; Neighborhood Improvement; Program; Public Safety; Publication; Recreation and Park; Traffic, Parking and Transportation; and Zoning and Planning. We are working on a database so committee members can be informed of issues in which they are interested via e-mail, fax or snail mail. I know you all have an interest in at least one of these issues.

Most of the help we need requires only 2-3 hours a quarter—that's every three months, not a lot of time. Right now we need a person to be ad coordinator, keeping track of our advertisers and invoices. Most advertisers pay for an entire year at one time, so this is not a formidable job; it involves about two hours per quarter. Another small once-each-quarter job is someone to pick up the newspapers from the printer (on 16th Street near the SPCA) and take them to the volunteers who deliver them; it's easy to do—pick them up and drop them off at different houses on your way home; this takes about an hour and a half. A third small job is delivering the papers to a route in the neighborhood; this takes about an hour and is a way to get some fresh air and exercise and meet some neighbors.

I know some of you out there have been wondering what you can do to help. So please call and volunteer for something! If these small tasks don't thrill you, what would you like to do? The GPA voicemail number is 908-6728. It will be great to hear from you.

Please come to our meetings. Your presence is valuable and gives you an opportunity to keep informed and make your comments and points. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9 at the Glen Park Recreation Center. We have successfully lobbied for park issues, for non-chain stores in our downtown section, for library locations and for other land uses. Ad hoc committees are set up as needed.

Whether you are new to the neighborhood or an "old-timer" please join us and help keep our neighborhood great. Remember the reason you moved here—and help us keep it that way.

### Neighborhood Updates

**Diamond Super:** David Prowler has taken over as project manager for the Diamond Super site. He has worked with the previous manager, Jeremy Paul. He informs us that the criteria for a first-rate grocery store have been sent to parties interested in occupying the site, and that the developers are working on plans which may include our new library.

**Glen Park Library:** As you know, the Glen Park Library, has been in rented space. Thanks to the passage of Proposition A, we are one of four City neighborhoods that will have a new library built. Recently the Library Commission instructed the City's Real Estate Department to look into the three sites under consideration, which we described in our spring issue. A report is expected in the near future as to which location will be selected, with a timeline for design and construction. The three locations under consideration are Wilder Street at Arlington over the BART parking lot; the second floor of the new grocery store on the Diamond Super site; and the corner of Diamond and Bosworth streets where Pebbles Deli and Bernie Kelly Law Offices are located.

**Metered Parking:** The Glen Park Association's Traffic, Parking and Transportation Committee is requesting a study for metered parking along the north side of Bosworth Street from Diamond west to Chilton, and on the north side from Diamond east to under the freeway, and along the BART parking lot and under the freeway.

**La Corneta:** La Corneta recently opened its new, enlarged kitchen and dining section. Construction is continuing to unite the old place with the new.



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### Glen Park News

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## In Glen Canyon Park

### Poisonous Plants

While clearing out some files, my husband found a brochure, "Know Your Plants...safe or poisonous?" He set it aside for me. I found it informative and was surprised at some of the plants listed. Azalea and rhododendron were on a list of plants with major toxicity that "may cause serious illness or death." But reading that other plants such as poison oak "may cause a skin rash or irritation" was no surprise.

Some of the plants listed under "Toxic Plants" are natives found in Glen Canyon. Others on that list are the non-native plants, such as hroom and poison hemlock, which we are removing from the canyon.

The brochure has one paragraph on pet toxicity, which states, "If a plant is known to be hazardous to humans, it will probably be toxic for animals as well." There is a list of plants that are toxic to livestock available, but I haven't been able to find out if much research has been done regarding the effects these plants have on dogs and cats. It would be valuable to know what effect multiple exposures to poison oak might have on dogs—or even how carrying or chew-

with Jean Conner

ing on eucalyptus sticks could be a health hazard to dogs. To be on the safe side and protect your pet from toxic plants, turn your cat into a house cat and keep your dog on a leash and on the trails.

Copies of the brochure, "Know Your Plants... safe or poisonous?" can be ordered by calling the U.C. Cooperative Extension at (650) 726-9059.

### Potting Plans

How many of you knew that June was District 8 Clean-up Month? I didn't see much publicity in advance. However, SF DOG and Friends of Glen Canyon had volunteers out in the Canyon on Saturday the 16th. The weather was perfect and a good time was had. Volunteers finished off the cleanup morning with a free pizza lunch, and received a T-shirt to commemorate the day.

The "Friends" work day on Saturday morning, August 18, will be at the plant nursery in Golden Gate Park. We will be transplanting native plant seedlings into pots so they will be ready for planting in the parks in the late fall once the rainy season begins. You can join in this interesting and fun activity. Give me a call at 584-8576. I'll sign you up!

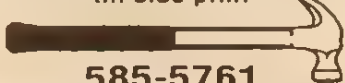


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## Check It Out At the Library!

by Sharon Dezurick, Glen Park Branch Librarian

### New Face in the Branch

Our former branch librarian, Mark Hall, left to go work in the chief's office at the Main Library. In mid-May his replacement, Sharon Dezurick, arrived at Glen Park. That's me. I previously worked as the senior children's librarian at the West Portal Branch, and as the Tenderloin outreach librarian working from the Main Library Children's Room. I received my M.L.S. from San Jose State in December 1994, and started working part-time at West Portal the following April, as a Proposition E hire.

I moved to Surrey Street in 1972 and my daughter Emily has lived there since she was born in 1984. Before my library career, I worked at PG&E in energy conservation. Walking to work is great, as is being able to go home for lunch.

### New-Branch Update

The Library Commission held a special meeting June 28 to discuss the proposed sites of new branches for Glen Park and Visitacion Valley. Several people from the neighborhood addressed the commission with their concerns and recommendations. The Library Commission received a letter from the Glen Park Merchants Association championing the Diamond Super proposal, and a similar recommendation from the Executive Board of the Glen Park Association. The Commission authorized the Department of Real Estate to approach owners to ascertain if they were willing to sell; to evaluate the various sites; and to carry recommendations to the Commission in about two months.

A few patrons seem worried that our little branch at 653 Chenery is about to close. Not so. When the new branch is built, there will be a brief period without a Glen Park library, but only while

the branch moves. Otherwise, the community will continue to have local library service.

### Talk to Me

Don't see what you want? If it is in the system, we can do a "reserve" and have it sent for you from another branch. Thanks to a change in the reserve policy, reserves are now free. Be part of the competing demand for the books you want—influence my book selection decisions—tell me what you like to read. Parents: Lobby for your kids! What do you want? New titles? New copies of old titles? More non-fiction to help your kids with school? Do you want books in Spanish or Chinese, large-print books, or more music and movies? Need more books on tape to make the commute more tolerable? Of course, the limits of space and budget mean we can't have it all, but we do have generous book budgets, so don't be shy!

### Library Program Calendar

*All library programs are free!*

Saturday, Oct. 6 at 4:30 p.m.: Celebrate *Hispanic Heritage Month*. Cascada de Flores - Mexican music and dance

Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.: *Penny Royal Puppet Theatre*. Anna and the Seven Swans

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: *Family Story Time*. Call for information

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**Festival 2001**

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Beth Kershaw, Howard Reinstein and Lina Weissman; to the volunteer Glen Park Festival Board of Directors Marie P. Simard, president, Carmel Adams, vice president, Phil Graham, secretary and Vince Beaudet, treasurer; and to all the numerous donors and volunteers who helped us achieve our goal. We offer you a heartfelt thank-you for your help and support.

With this encouraging start, we have begun to plan for next year's festival which is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2002. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20 at Café?. If you would like to get involved and help a new vibrant organization grow, call us at (415) 835-2112, and come to our next meeting.

We are looking for people who would like to join the planning committee to help create a bigger and better event in 2002. We especially need the following volunteers: (1) an Administrative Assistant—duties will include recording and distributing minutes of meetings, all correspondence (sponsor letters, thank you letters), and related duties; (2) a marketing/public relations guru—duties will be to help promote the festival by exploring new marketing concepts; and (3) a food and drink pavilion developer—duties will be to improve the hospitality aspect of the festival with regard to food and beverages.

The Glen Park Festival Board of Directors sincerely thanks each and every committee chair, member and volunteer for all of their dedication and hard work in making Festival 2001 so successful.

## Another Benefit Of the Festival

The kids whose day camp participation is underwritten by proceeds of this spring's Glen Park Festival aren't the only ones to benefit from the event. In coming months the neighborhood can expect to enjoy new color and texture in the little Village Garden on Diamond Street, thanks to members of the Glen Park Garden Club.

Kay Estey Hamilton, a professional landscape designer and club member, says some of the modest proceeds from the club's booth at the Festival will be used for improvements to the garden. Plans are now being created, she says, and the club's volunteers will implement them this fall after the rains begin.

If you're interested in participating in Garden Club activities, call Judy Creighton at 333-4120.



Photo by D. Gustavson

## The GPA Celebrates Summer

On July 10, the Glen Park Association held its annual Summer BBQ and Potluck. More than 50 people attended, socialized with neighbors old and new, and feasted on Richard Craib's delicious barbecued chicken.

Special thanks to Zoanne Nordstrom for coordinating this successful event, Richard Craib and John Dahlen for cooking, Julie Blanc, Barbara Alvarez,

Barbara Zierten and Jennifer Gans for setting up the party, Ellis Gans for conducting the announcements, and all attendees for their generous, delicious potluck offerings.



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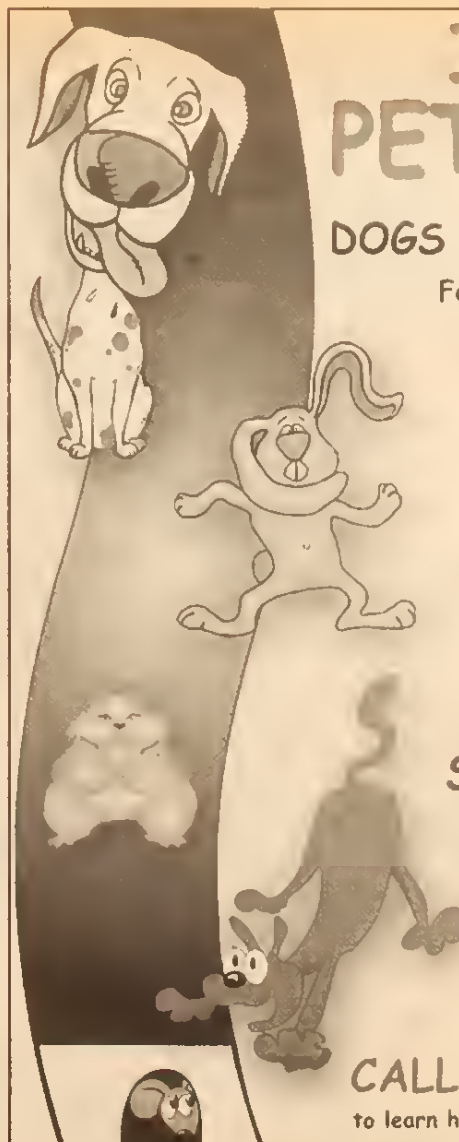
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## Glen Park Association

Quarterly Meetings are held at the Glen Park Recreation Center in the park (Elk & Chenery streets) on the second Tuesday in January, April, July and October at 7:30 p.m.

Election Night, the *October 9* meeting, will feature candidates and representatives for the propositions on the November ballot. October's meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

## Bird & Beckett Books and Records Live Events

Thursday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.—Author Michael Kurland, reading and signing *The Infernal Device*, and *Others: A Professor Moriarty Omnibus*.

Sunday, August 19, 4:00 p.m.—Poet Reginald Lockett, reading and signing his new book *Party Crashers of Paradise*.

Monday, August 20, 7:30 p.m.—Ted Joans, a key participant in the New York Greenwich Village beat scene of the 1950s, noted surrealist poet, artist and filmmaker.

Tuesday, August 21, 7:30 p.m.—National Writers Union Showcase. Authors Jack Forbes, Abena Songbird, Dirk van Nieuhuys and Margaret Murray will be on hand to read from their works.

Friday, August 24, 7:30 p.m.—*Urbanthology Showcase*.

Saturday, August 25, 11:30 a.m.—*Oscopy Trio*, music from the "out" realms of the jazz experience. Oscopy is Jay Schwarz on bass, Colin Shipman, guitar, Vanessa Wang, cello.

Tuesday, August 28, 7:30 p.m.—Featured poets Carlos Suarez and Susan Berkland, plus open mike.

## Glen Park Garden Club

The garden club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Come share the joys (and frustrations) of gardening with fellow Glen Park gardeners, learn about a new gardening topic each month and see members' gardens!

For more information and meeting location, call Judy Creighton at 333-4120.

## Art Shows Coming to Cafe ?

August & September: Danielle & Phil Hayes—Photographs

October & November: Clarissa Arguelles—Moreno Paintings

## Friends of Glen Canyon Park

*Plant Restoration Work Days:* 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, August 18, September 15, October 20 and November 17. Contact Jean Conner, 584-8576.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park also work every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean Conner, or Richard Craib at 648-0862, for information about the Friends' activities.

## Recreation Center Is a Hub of Activities

by Shawna McGrew

The second annual **FamilyFunFest Day**, held on Saturday, May 12, was a great success. As with many successes in life, it took the involvement of many people, and lots of local busi-

nesses deserve thanks: Bird & Beckett Books & Records, Cheese Boutique, Chenery Park Restaurant, Cafe? chez Marie, Critter Fritters, Dr. Video, Glen Park Cleaners, Glen Park Hardware, Glen Park Station, Kay's Salon, New Lodge Tavern, the Village Cellar and Tyger's Coffee Shop. Thanks also to the people from the police and fire departments, the public library and the SPCA, and a very special thank-you to the Friends of Glen Canyon and the GPA.

**Coming Events** at the Recreation Center will include some new programs in the fall. A Tiny Tots class will be held on Friday mornings, a Golf class for kids is planned, and we are hoping to add a martial arts class on Monday and Thursday evenings.

The **Halloween Party** for the children of the Glen Park community will take place on Friday, Oct. 26, from 4-6 p.m.; bring the family for some scary fun. For more information on what is happening at the Glen Park Recreation Center, please call us at (415) 337-4705.

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**550 Goats**

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the Rec and Park supervisor for Glen Canyon Park, is a big fan. "We brought them in for fire abatement," she said. "They accomplished in the first two days what would have taken a human crew two weeks." She'd definitely like to use them in the future.

Porteous and many neighbors of the park would also be glad to see goats in the canyon again.

Lessons learned in this summer's pilot program should eliminate future concerns even among people who are concerned about the herd's environmental impact, it is hoped. If the goats return, there's sure to be more advance coordination and planning among Rec and Park's leadership, its Natural Areas program, and the vigilant Friends members. ("We're kind of new this year and a lot

of people don't know about us," Porteous said diplomatically.) Size of the herd is one key factor: 550 seems way too many goats for the canyon. A herd of 300 can clear one acre in one day, Oyarzun pointed out, and our planned project covered about five acres. Ideally, Porteous would like to work with a more manageable herd, maybe about 25, penned at night, accompanied by both a herder and a naturalist.

Not that the critters lacked supervision. The Oyarzun's Patagonian goatherd knows each of his animals and was on site 24 hours a day, based in a small trailer. His amazing border collie, named Macarena, was always on duty, keeping her eye on the animals and moving them expertly when given the sig-



Photo by R. Craib

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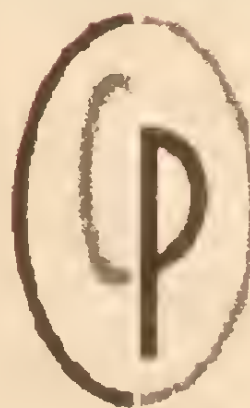
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